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SUBJECT: SECRETARY DENT VISIT BULGARIA

REF: A. SOFIA 0413 B. STATE 062515

1. MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TODAY PROVIDED FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR
SECRETARY DENT:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10:

1300 HOURS: ARRIVE SOFIA AIRPORT.

1315: DEPART FOR GRAND HOTEL SOFIA.

1330: ARRIVE GRAND HOTEL SOFIA

1400 HOURS: DEPART FOR GOVERNMENT RESIDENCE "LOZENETS"

1415 HOURS: LIGHT LUNCH HOSTED BY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER

NEDEV (COULD NOT BE DISSAUDED RE LUNCHEON).

1545 HOURS:

TALKS AT GOVERNMENT RESIDENCE "LOZENETS".

1830 HOURS: CALL ON DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF

MINISTERS PROFESSOR IVAN PMPOV.

2000 HOURS: RECEPTION (BUFFET-SUPPER INCLUDED) IN HONOR OF
SECRETARY DENT AND PARTY HOSTED BY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER

NERO AT GRAND HOTEL SOFIA.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11:

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0800 HOURS: BREAKFAST

0900 HOURS: CALL ON THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CHAIRMAN STANKO TODOROV.

0945 HOURS: VISIT TO FACTORY (WHICH STILL TO BE DETERMINED).

1100 HOURS: RECEPTION AT AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

(THIS MFA SUGGESTION ONLY AND SUBJECT CONCURRENCE BY SECRETARY DENT AND AMBASSADOR. PLEASE ADVISE. IF THIS ACCEPTABLE DEPARTURE WILL BE FROM RESIDENCE TO AIRPORT).

1200 HOURS: DEPARTURE FROM SOFIA FOR BUCHAREST

MONDAY, APRIL 15:

1000 HOURS: ARRIVE SOFIA AIRPORT

1030 HOURS: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV AT GOVERNMENT RESIDENCE "VRANA."

1045 HOURS: WITNESS SIGNING OF CONSULAR CONVENTION BY FORMIN MLADENOV AND AMBASSADOR HERZ AT "VRANA".

1100 HOURS: CALL ON CHAIRMAN TODOR ZHIVKOV AT "VRANA"

1200 HOURS: DEPART FROM SOFIA AIRPORT.

(THIS SCHEDULE WILL BE COMPRESSED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW MORE TIME WITH ZHIVKOV.)

2. DEVELOPING APRIL 10 AFTERNOON BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS DENT PARTY WHO ARE NOT ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY ON OFFICIAL CALLS.

3. MFA ALSO PROPOSED FOLLOWING PROGRAM FOR THE LADIES:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10:

1600 HOURS: VISIT ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

1645: VISIT SHOP OF BULGARIAN ARTISTS UNION (WHERE ICON COPIES AND BULGARIAN CRAFTS CAN BE PURCHASED).

1730 HOURS: REVIEW FASHION SHOW AT "LADA"

2000 HOURS: FORMIN NEDEV'S RECEPTION (SEE PARA 1)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11:

0900 HOURS: VISIT ALEXANDER NEVSKI CATHEDRAL AND CRYPT MUSEUM (COLLECTION OF BULGARIAN ICONS).

4. NAMES AND TITLES OF BULGARIAN OFFICIALS TO BE AT AIRPORT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AND OFFICIAL CALLS ON DISCUSSIONS AND CAR AND ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED SEPTELS. INVITATION LISTS FOR RECEPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ARRIVAL.

5. DURING APRIL 15 VISIT MFA PROTOCOL CHIEF PROPOSES EXCURSION BY REMAINING MEMBERS PARTY TO MT. VITOSHA ON CONFIDENTIAL

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OUTSKIRTS OF SOFIA WHILE SECRETARY DENT AND OTHERS CALL ON MLADENOV AND ZHIVKOV. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF ACCEPTABLE.

6. REF (B) CHANGE IN HOST DOES NOT INDICATE ADDITIONAL GIFTS. IN EMBASSY'S OPINION SECRETARY NEED PRESENT GIFTS ONLY TO ZHIVKOV, MLADENOV AND NEDEV. POPOV AND LUKANOV COULD BE INCLUDED AT SECRETARY'S DISCRETION.
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